



Minutes

Name of Meeting	IWC Public Realm and Coastal Meeting – West Wight	
Date and Time	07/07/2026 10:30	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees		Penny Acton [PA]
	Kristian Horlock [KR]	Charlotte Jones [CJ]
	Alaster Sims [AS]	Sara Preston [SP]
	Ian Dawson [ID]	Lucinda Bradley [LB]
	Bonny Pettinger [BP]	Sue Chilton [SC]

1. Welcome, Apologies and Housekeeping

Emily Delacey	Cllr Andrew Burroughs
Stu Brown	Fiona Capewell
David Wallis	
Claire Gale	Cllr Nicholas Gurney-Champion
Joy Walker	Cllr John Cirrone
Val Taylor	Cllr John Angell
Michala Bailey	Cll Dave Stewart
Debbie Faulkner	Cllr John Hobart
Debbie Faulkner	Mayor Cllr John Nicolson
Sue Chilton	Mayor Cllr Tracy Reardon
Kirsty Gibson	Frances Turan
Gareth Hughes	Cllr Alison Child
Richard Shaul	Cllr Penny Acton
Fiona Capewell	Cllr Martin Oliver
Sherlie Burrridge	Cllr Tim Addison
Katie Riley	Cllr John Pullen

Sally Woods
Kate Scragg
Michael Davies
Helen Gibbs
Lora Peacey-Wilcox
Brian Jacobs
Councillor Paul Fuller

Cllr Colin Willis
Cllr Steve Cowley
Cllr Keith Cram
Cllr Gareth Wyre
Cllr Dawn Haightomas
Mayor Cllr Debbie McLeary

2. Update from Coastal

Ian Dawson (ID) provided an update on Coastal activities:

- Coastal surface defect repairs across the west of the Island are progressing, including works in Freshwater, Colwell and Totland.
- Handrail repairs are continuing.
- Larger projects are currently taking up a significant amount of contractor resource and time.
- Health and safety works are continuing during the busy summer season.

Cowes Balustrade Update

Sara Preston (SP) requested an update on the balustrade in Cowes.

- **Alastair Sims (AS)** advised that investigations are ongoing to determine responsibility for the structure.
- **SP** asked whether the Royal Yacht Squadron/Club had been contacted.
- **AS** confirmed that they had not yet been contacted whilst investigations continue.

3. Update from Public Realm

Kristian Horlock (KH) provided an update on the Parks and Open Spaces Team:

- Due to the recent hot weather, teams are prioritising watering and grass cutting operations.
- Reinstatement works following the Seaclose Festival are underway.
- Works at Mornington Wood relating to a collapsed drain have been completed and the area has been made safe.
- Playground insurance inspection reports have been returned, and officers are currently assessing the repairs required.

Grow Gurnard Watering Support

Penny Acton (PA) asked whether a bowser could be borrowed or hired for Grow Gurnard.

- **KH** advised that the team does not have a bowser available. Water bowsters are currently hired from subcontractors, who are fully committed at present.

4. Pre-Submitted Questions

- **AMENDED:**
SC East Cowes Town Council submitted a pre submitted question:

"Could Emily please advise when the Town Council can expect a response to my email of 16 June concerning the previously agreed grass-cutting Specification D at the Esplanade paddling pool, which is currently the subject of ongoing discussions between our respective councils?"

BP Responded that a response has been sent by email this morning at 10:14am.

5. Any Other Business (AOB)

Weekly Works Report Distribution

AS asked whether all attendees were receiving the weekly works report email distributed from admin@cowestowncouncil.org.uk.

King's Square Accident Report

Sue Chilton (SC) referred to an email sent by **Charlotte Jones (CJ)** regarding a recent accident in King's Square.

- SC advised that the issue had previously been reported and that it had been forwarded to Island Roads.
- SC offered to share photographs and details relating to the latest incident.

SC further noted that if a claim was made, any response would need to come from the Isle of Wight Council due to the legal arrangements and contractual responsibilities.

- **AS** advised that the appropriate contact within the Highways PFI Team is **Alan White**.

E-Scooter Licensing

PA asked who is responsible for the licensing of e-scooters.

- **AS** advised that Island Roads would be the most appropriate first point of contact and may be able to direct enquiries to the relevant authority.

Tree Affecting Telephone Line

PA raised concerns regarding a tree with limbs growing across a telephone line and extending over a road at a busy corner.

- **AS** advised that responsibility rests with the telecommunications company responsible for the line and that no further escalation route could be provided by the team.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 August 2026.